

SENATE BILL 3167  
By Williams

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16,  
Chapter 15, Part 50, to confer concurrent domestic  
relations jurisdiction upon certain courts of general  
sessions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-5004, is amended by adding  
the following new subsection (h):

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(1) Effective September 1, 2006, in counties of the sixth class having a  
population of not less than seventeen thousand eight hundred (17,800) nor more  
than seventeen thousand eight hundred seventy-five (17,875) according to the  
2000 federal census of population or any subsequent federal census:

(A) The general sessions court shall have concurrent jurisdiction  
with the circuit and chancery courts over divorce and all other domestic  
relations cases; and

(B) The total compensation of the judge of any such general  
sessions court shall be eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) per annum.  
Such judge shall also receive any cost of living raises provided by this  
part for other general sessions judges.

(2) This subsection shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-  
thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of any county to which it applies. Its  
approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of any such  
legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 1.